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INDUCTION OF ADVANCED JET TRAINER IN IAF
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Hawk Advanced Jet Trainers (AJTs) have been inducted in the Indian Air Force to train the pilots;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of AJTs inducted so far; and

(d) the time by which the remaining AJTs are likely to be inducted?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a)&(b): Government have approved induction of 66 Hawk Advanced Jet Trainer (AJT) aircraft from M/s BAE Systems of the United Kingdom.Twenty four of these aircraft will be supplied by BAE Systems in flyaway condition and the remaining 42 aircraft will be licensed manufactured in India by Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL).

(c) 10 AJTs supplied by BAE Systems have been inducted so far.

(d) Out of remaining 14 AJTs in flyaway condition,13 aircraft are expected to be inducted by July 2008 and one aircraft is expected to be delivered in December 2009.The 42 aircraft being licensed manufactured will be delivered by HAL in a staggered manner from March 2008 onwards.